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**PETITION, UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6),
FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A LATE CLAIM
FOR PRIORITY, UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(e),
TO PROVISIONAL APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 60/203,326**

MAIL STOP PETITION

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

The Petitioner requests that the claim for priority, under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e), set forth in the attached Application Data Sheet be accepted under the unintentional delay provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6). In support of this request, the Petitioner states that the entire delay between the date the claim for priority was due under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(5), i.e., sixteen months from the filing date of May 11, 2000 of Provisional Application 60/203,326 which was September 11, 2001, and the date of filing the instant Petition and Application Data Sheet was unintentional.

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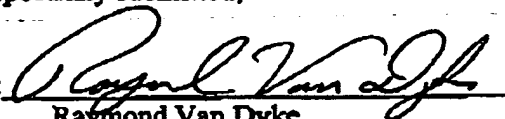
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That is, a the instant Application reveals that the failure to set forth a timely claim for priority, under § 119(e), occurred due to the failure to set forth a § 119(e) claim at any time prior to the due date for making such a claim, i.e. September 11, 2001 (see the attached copy of the Application Data Sheet and executed Declaration from the instant Application). Further, the Applicant was unaware of this failure until such was brought to the attention of the undersigned as a result of a telephone conference with Examiner Fetzner on February 3, 2004. For this reason, the delay in making the claim for priority, under § 119(e), was unintentional.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6), the surcharge fee of \$1330.00, set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(t), should be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (031884-001000). Further, any overage or shortage in the required payment, should be credited or applied to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (031884-001000).

Respectfully submitted,

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